

**ARIZONA TRAUMA SYSTEM QUALITY ASSURANCE
AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT (AZTQ) COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 17, 2001**

Members Present:

Theresa Christiansen, Lynn Donaldson, Dr. Pam Goslar, Dr. Sara Hill, Susan Hinze, Sheri Jorden, Dr. Scott Petersen, and Steve Powles

Members Absent:

Michael Burns, Melinda Case, Deborah Gorombe, Dan Judkins, Dr. Philip Richemont, Rookie Stevens, and Brenda Sutton

Guests Present:

Rosalie Johnson and Mark Venuti

BEMS Staff Present:

Larry Bednarek, Don Decker, Dr. Garth Gemar, Lorenzo Henry, Pennie Klein, Larry Lorenzen, and Susan Nicolas

I. CALL TO ORDER

The AZTQ Committee meeting was called to order by Lynn Donaldson at 9:15 a.m. after a quorum was reached.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Scott Petersen made a motion and Dr. Sara Hill seconded to approve the February 22, 2001 minutes. Dr. Petersen made a comment that the Software Programs Work Group was put forth as not being part of STAB and the Work Group has been mentioned in both STAB's minutes and AZTQ's minutes. A discussion ensued on this subject. After the discussion, the Motion carried and the minutes were approved as submitted.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. CALES Software Issues

Pennie Klein presented an update. A survey was sent to all the trauma hospitals asking questions about the performance of the software product "Trauma!". When the surveys are returned, Pennie will compile the answers to the survey. A meeting with ITS has been arranged and the results of the survey will be provided to them since they are responsible for software and hardware for the Department. On May 31, the results of the survey and the recommendations from ITS will be presented to the STAB Executive Committee.

B. CODES Project

Pennie said that they are testing the data they have and, at this moment, everything is status quo. They will begin to test year two data next.

C. Independent Work Group Progress Report on Registry Software

Before giving her report, Dr. Pam Goslar announced that there is a Library of Congress grant in the amount of \$50,000 available to small hospitals to use to gain access to the internet.

Next, Dr. Goslar distributed and discussed a summary of the trauma center representatives' review of trauma registry software currently on the market. Their work was reported to and is presented through the independent work group. It contains six attachments:

- A. "Comparison Summary Trauma Registry Vendor Questions"
- B. "Cost Summary CDM (Trauma Base) and Lancet Technology (Trauma One)"
- C. "Trauma Registry Vendor Questions" from Lancet Technology, Inc.
- D. "Trauma Registry Vendor Questions" from Clinical Data Management, Inc.
- E. Information from the web site for "Collector Trauma Registry Software"
- F. Copy of "Trauma Registry Product Demonstration Report" submitted to STAB

Dr. Goslar explained the different documents and a discussion of the different Registry Software ensued. For the results of this discussion, see attachment titled "AZTQ Recommendation on Hospital Trauma Registry Support - May 16, 2001 - AZTQ Committee."

A motion by Dr. Goslar, seconded by Dr. Petersen, that the two options are presented for consideration to STAB for Registry support. Motion carried.

A motion by Dr. Petersen and seconded by Dr. Goslar that of the two options, the Committee recommends option "B." Motion carried.

D. AZ Trauma System Evaluation Plan (QASI Plan)

No new information was reported.

E. Independent Work Group Progress Report on Trauma Center Identification Terms

The focus of the work group was to identify types of trauma center "identifiers" (i.e., categorization, designation).

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. AAAM Training

Lynn Donaldson reported that funding for the training has been approved. There are 25 spots available. We already have 20 confirmed reservations from the hospitals. The class will cost a total of \$15,000 to put on. Each attendee is asked to pay \$20.00 for catered food for the two days. The Seminar will be at the Bureau of EMS' Conference Room.

B. Proposed Injury Surveillance Program

Pennie summarized the ADHS' Proposed Injury Surveillance Program as follows:

- A. There is a statutory mandate to collect outpatient hospital data.
- B. There is an opportunity to add trauma elements to look at injuries in Arizona.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Approved by AZTQ on 9/27/01